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Note verbale dated 4 November 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), and has the honour to transmit herewith the preliminary report of the Republic of Maldives on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (see annex).

The Permanent Mission would like to request the Committee to facilitate legal and technical assistance to enable the Government to fulfil the requirements under Security Council resolution 1540.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 4 November 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Report of the Republic of Maldives pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

As a State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC), the Republic of Maldives strongly opposes any kind of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery. The Republic of Maldives does not export any weapons or weapons technology, nor does it produce any weapons, as indicated in our report submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 1267.

Further, the Prevention of Terrorism Act (Act No. 10/1990) in the Maldives, which was adopted in 1990, provides the legislative framework to address acts of terrorism and recruitment by terrorist groups. As noted in our report on Security Council resolution 1373, this law prohibits any person from possessing or purchasing firearms in the Republic of Maldives or importing weapons into the country without the authorization of the Ministry of Defence and National Security. The Maldives is also party to 8 of the 13 global conventions on terrorism including the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism as of 2004. At the regional level, the Maldives has been working closely with its partners in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) on a myriad of security issues, and is party to the SAARC Regional Convention on Suppression of Terrorism (2004) and the SAARC Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (2008).